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The MAN FROM TIME

WE ARE VISITING A COUNTRY THAT LIES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN! LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IN THESE COUNTRIES, EVEN WITHIN THE COUNTRIES THEMSELVES. CENSORSHIP AND SECRECY HIDES MANY THINGS!

THIS MACHINE FOR INSTANCE ... NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT IT BUT ONE MAN, THE INVENTOR, A SCIENTIST, GEORGI KARENSKA! HERE IS THE STORY OF THIS MAN AND HIS UNUSUAL MACHINE!

KARENSKA IS COMING NOW, WALKING THE STREETS OF SUSPICION AND MISTRUST...



I MUST ALWAYS LET MY COMRADES SEE ME! IF I SPEND TOO MUCH TIME AT HOME THEY WOULD SUSPECT SOMETHING, THEY WOULD INFORM! THEN THE SECRET POLICE WOULD VISIT ME...



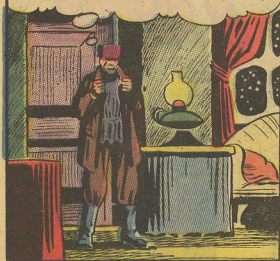
...AND MY MACHINE WOULD BE DISCOVERED!



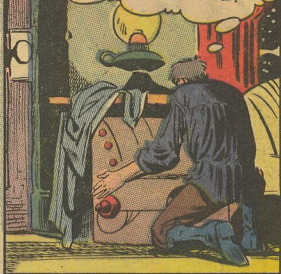
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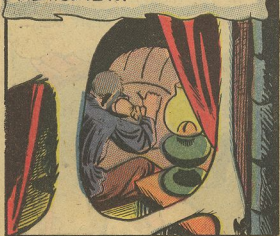
IF THAT HAPPENED, MY DREAMS OF UNTOLD POWER WOULD BE SMASHED... AND JUST AT THE CRITICAL TIME WHEN I AM ABOUT TO REALIZE MY AMBITIONS.



TONIGHT, IF ALL GOES WELL, I SHALL COMPLETE THE MACHINE! THEN... THE GREAT ADVENTURE!



FOR HOURS, KARENSKA WORKED ON THE DELICATE CONTROLS OF THE MACHINE! BY A GREAT EFFORT OF WILL HE PUSHED ASIDE THE TERRIBLE WEARINESS THAT CAME WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE HOURS...



IT IS DONE! I KNOW FROM TESTING THE MODEL I FIRST CONCEIVED IT WILL WORK! AH, I AM SO TIRED, I MUST SLEEP NOW AND REPLENISH MY ENERGY FOR TOMORROW I SHALL GET INTO MY MIRACLE MACHINE AND... LEAVE THIS WORLD!



TOMORROW I SHALL TRAVEL IN MY TIME MACHINE TO THE GREAT FUTURE THAT LIES BEYOND THE VEIL OF TIME! I SHALL LEARN THE GREAT SECRETS OF THE FUTURE IN THAT TIME WHEN TODAY'S HOPES HAVE BECOME FACTS!



THEN, ARMED WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE, I SHALL RETURN TO THIS, MY OWN TIME AND I WILL BE THE MOST POWERFUL, LEARNED MAN ON EARTH! WHO COULD STOP ME THEN? I, KARENSKA, WILL BE KING... DICTATOR, OF THE WORLD!



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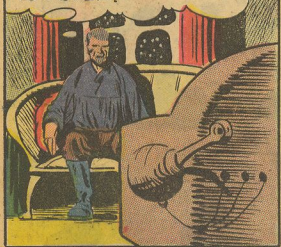
EXHAUSTED, HE STAGGERED TO HIS COUCH. THERE HE FELL INTO RESTLESS SLUMBER...



I'M TOO EXCITED TO MORE THAN DOZE! THERE IS NO USE IN MY TRYING TO SLEEP. I'LL ONLY DOZE FOR A FEW MINUTES AS I JUST DID!



WHY WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW? I'LL DO IT NOW! I'LL GO FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE AND FIND THE ANSWER TO ALL THINGS, ESPECIALLY THE ANSWER TO POWER!



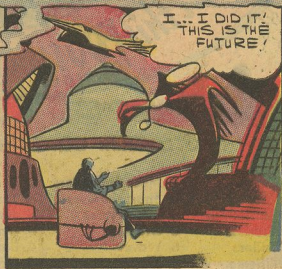
HE SET THE DIALS FOR CENTURIES INTO THE FUTURE. HE PULLED THE LEVER THAT WOULD SET THE MACHINE IN MOTION...



AND SUDDENLY THE WORLD SEEMED WHISKED AWAY! HIS SOUL SEEMED TORN FROM HIS BODY AS HE RUSHED FORWARD THROUGH STREAKED DARKNESS THROUGH THE CENTURIES TO COME...



AN INSTANT, A WEEK, A YEAR... HE NEVER KNEW! BUT THEN ALL WAS STILL. FAINTNESS PASSED AND HE OPENED HIS EYES TO... THE FUTURE...



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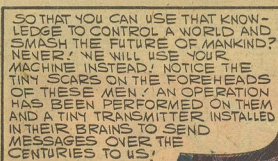
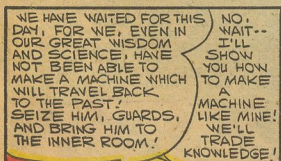
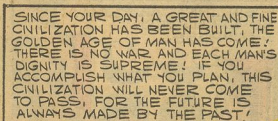
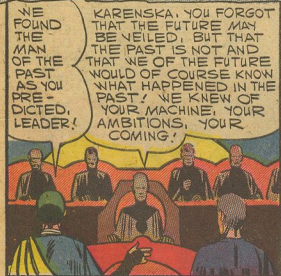
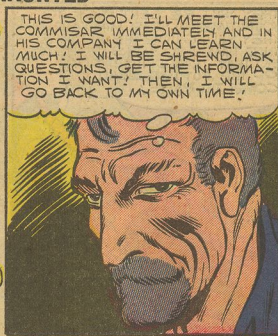
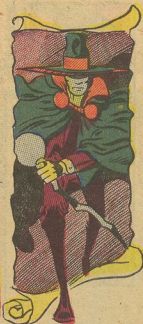
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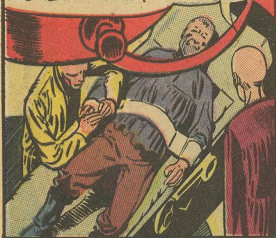
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THEY WILL BE SENT BACK TO YOUR TIME IN YOUR MACHINE. THEY WILL GUIDE THE PEOPLE OF THAT TIME INTO WAYS OF PEACE SO THAT THIS CIVILIZATION OF THE FUTURE SHALL COME TO PASS!



HE STRUGGLED BUT THE BONDS HELD HIM. A CONE WAS SET OVER HIS FACE! A SWEETISH SMELL... ANESTHETIC? DEATH? HE WAS PLUNGED INTO BLACKNESS...



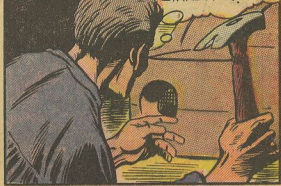
PHWE... WHAT A DREAM! SO EXHAUSTED, I SUPPOSE...



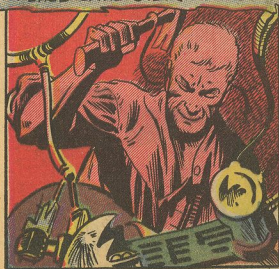
KARENSEY GOT UP, LOOKED AT HIS TIME MACHINE, AND SUDDENLY HE WAS FILLED WITH A NAMELESS AND TERRIBLE FEAR...



I'M GLAD I DREAMED AS I DID! WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN TO THINK THAT I COULD DO WHAT I PLANNED! I AM BUT AN ORDINARY MAN! I'LL SMASH IT!



HE DID HIS JOB WELL! THE MACHINE WAS SMASHED BEYOND REPAIR AND! WITH ITS DESTRUCTION, A GREAT FEELING OF PEACE CAME OVER HIM...



EXHAUSTED THEN, HE STAGGERED TO HIS COUCH AND SANK INTO DREAMLESS SLEEP! AND AS THE MOON CAME UP A BEAM TOUCHED HIS FACE, LITTING THE TINY SCAR ON HIS FOREHEAD THAT WAS EVEN THEN VANISHING...

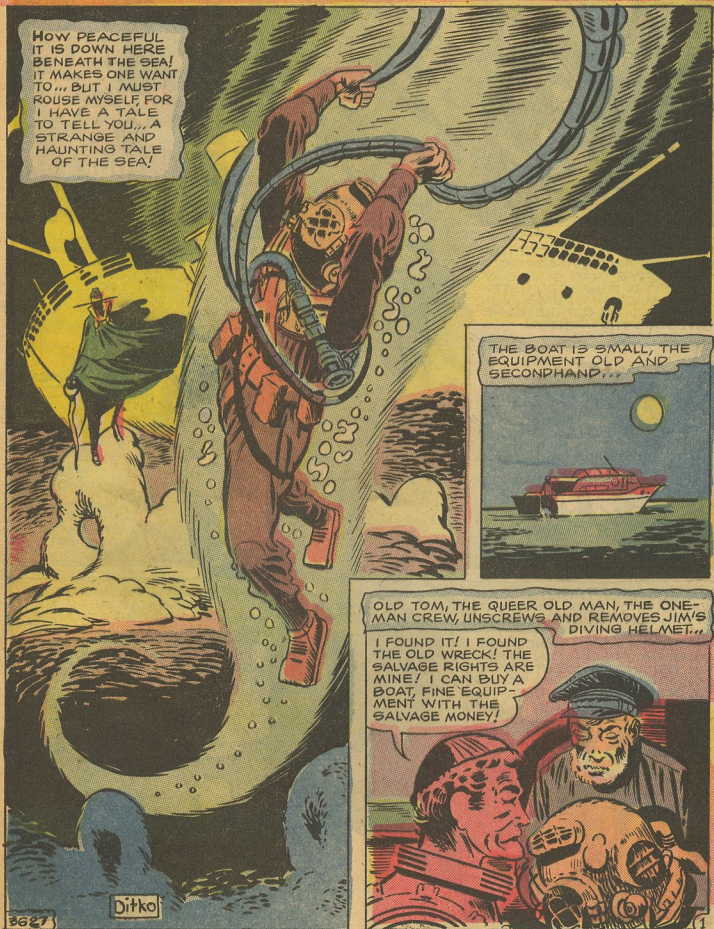


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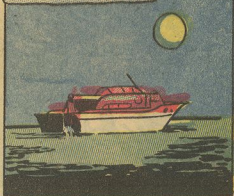
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The GREEN PEACE

HOW PEACEFUL
IT IS DOWN HERE
BENEATH THE SEA!
IT MAKES ONE WANT
TO... BUT I MUST
ROUSE MYSELF, FOR
I HAVE A TALE
TO TELL YOU... A
STRANGE AND
HAUNTING TALE
OF THE SEA!



THE BOAT IS SMALL, THE
EQUIPMENT OLD AND
SECONDHAND...



OLD TOM, THE QUEER OLD MAN, THE ONE-
MAN CREW, UNSCREWS AND REMOVES JIM'S
DIVING HELMET...

I FOUND IT! I FOUND
THE OLD WRECK! THE
SALVAGE RIGHTS ARE
MINE! I CAN BUY A
BOAT, FINE EQUIP-
MENT WITH THE
SALVAGE MONEY!



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THIS IS THE BREAK I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR, OLD TIMER! I'LL GO DOWN IN THE MORNING AND MAKE A COMPLETE ASSESSMENT OF THE WRECK!



AFTER SUPPER JIM SITS ON THE DECK IN THE DARK, THE MURMUR OF THE SEA ALL AROUND HIM, CRADLING HIM IN PEACE...

QUEER OLD DUFFER, TOM! HE WAS RECOMMENDED AS CHEAP BUT GOOD HELP... THEY SAY HE WAS ONCE THE BEST DIVER ON THE COAST!



HE SUDDENLY QUIT AFTER HIS LAST DIVE AND NEVER SPOKE A WORD AFTER THAT! SOME SAY HE GOT THE BENDS TOO OFTEN AND IT MADE HIM DUMB AND CRAZY! QUEER OLD DUCK... HE GIVES ME THE CREEPS!



AND SUDDENLY THIS OLD MAN, WHO HAD NOT BEEN KNOWN TO SPEAK FOR TWENTY YEARS... SPEAKS!

YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT THE FASCINATION IS ABOUT THE SEA AND THE GREEN DEPTHS DOWN THERE... EVERYONE THINKS I'M CRAZY AND DUMB, BUT I KNOW... I CAN TELL YOU!



OLD TOM SHUFFLES OVER AND STANDS NEXT TO JIM... HE LOOKS OUT AT THE SEA BUT HIS EYES HAVE A STRANGE LOOK AS THO HE'S SEEING SOMETHING INSIDE HIMSELF, AS THO HE'S IN A TRANCE!



JIM IS STARTLED! IT'S AS THO THE OLD MAN HAD READ HIS MIND! THE VOICE IS STRANGE, LIKE A VOICE HEARD UNDER WATER!

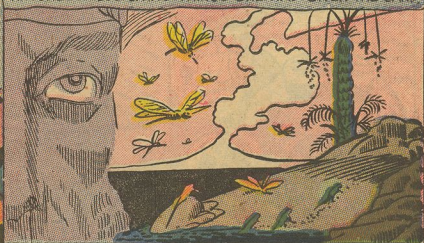
I UNDERSTAND THE GREAT SECRET OF THE SEA! I QUIT DIVING WHEN I UNDERSTOOD! YOU'RE LIKE I WAS YEARS AGO! I THINK SOMEDAY YOU'LL UNDERSTAND TOO... IF YOU LIVE... IF THE SEA DOESN'T GET YOU FIRST!



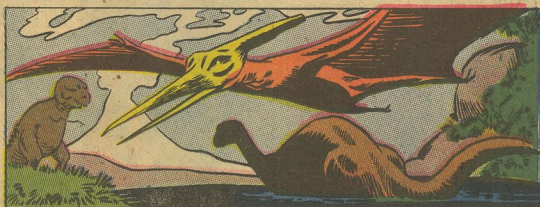
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ONCE THE WHOLE SURFACE OF THE EARTH WAS COVERED BY THE GREAT SEA... THEN THE SEA GRADUALLY SHRUNK BACK... LEAVING THE LAND! AND ON THE LAND IT LEFT SPORES OF LIFE, AND THOSE SPORES BECAME VEGETABLE THINGS THAT CLUNG AND LIVED ON THE LAND...

AND OTHER SPORES BECAME TINY BEASTS, FLYING THINGS, ALL MANNER OF BASIC SPECIES! AND THE SEA WATCHED THESE LIVING THINGS SHE HAD GIVEN THE LAND!



CREATURES DEVELOPED INTO STRANGE AND VARIED FORMS, DEVELOPED LUNGS TO EXIST ON LAND... DEVELOPED SPECIALIZED PARTS TO WALK AND FLY...



EVERYTHING FIRST CAME FROM THE SEA! EVEN MAN EVOLVED FROM A TINY CREATURE THAT CRAWLED FROM THE SEA SLIME...

AND ALL LIVING THINGS HAVE AN INNER CRAVING TO RETURN TO THE SEA, THE AGELESS MEMORIES LOCKED AWAY OF THE GREEN PEACE OF THE GREAT MOTHER THAT GAVE BIRTH TO ALL THINGS... THE SEA!

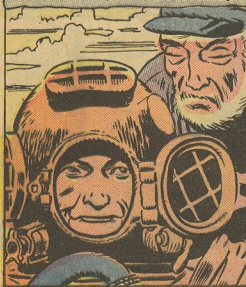
SUDDENLY THE OLD MAN TURNS AWAY AND LAPSES INTO HIS ETERNAL SILENCE AGAIN! IT'S ALMOST AS THO THE SEA ITSELF HAD SPOKEN!

TOM! LISTEN, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU! TOM!

HE'S CLAMMED UP AGAIN! PROBABLY WILL NEVER UTTER ANOTHER WORD! BUT HOW AUTHORITATIVE HE SOUNDED!



FIRST JIM WAS IMPRESSED BY OLD TOM'S WORDS! BUT IN THE MORNING HE LAUGHED THEM OFF AS BEING THE IDIOSYNCRASY OF AN OLD MAN!



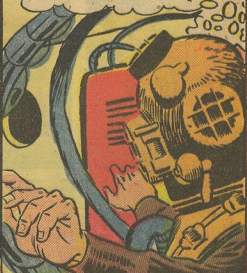
HE BEGINS TO EXPLORE THE WRECK...



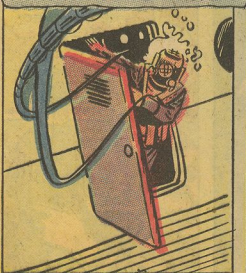
HE GOES DOWN TO THE WRECK... HE FEELS THE STRANGE PEACE DOWN THERE AND, FOR A MOMENT, WONDERS!



THE SHIP SHIFTED, SLAMMED THE DOOR... SLAMMED IT ON MY AIR HOSE! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

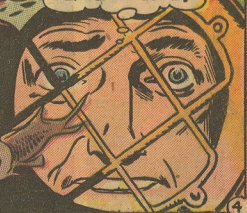


HE FOUGHT THE DOOR, TRYING TO CONSERVE THE LITTLE AIR THAT WAS IN HIS SUIT. THE DOOR WAS UNYIELDING... BUT FINALLY HE PUSHED IT OPEN...



ON THE DECK, A SUDDEN AND STRANGE THOUGHT CAME TO HIM!

IT'S AS THO EACH SUNKEN WRECK, LIKE THIS ONE, ISN'T JUST A SHIP... IT'S AS THO IT HAD A LIFE OF ITS OWN... AS THO IT'S FOUND PEACE IN THE DEPTHS AND FIGHTS US TO LEAVE IT ALONE!



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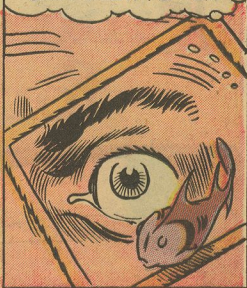
IT IS PEACEFUL DOWN HERE! THE GREEN PEACE AS TOM CALLED IT, THE PERFECT WORLD, ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN...THE GREAT MOTHER!



HE LOOKS AROUND AT THIS GREEN AND WONDERFUL WORLD! HE FEELS IT CALL TO HIM! IT'S AS THOUGH HE IS HYPNOTIZED BY SOMETHING GREATER THAN HIMSELF, SOMETHING SO BIG IT IS BEYOND COMPREHENSION...

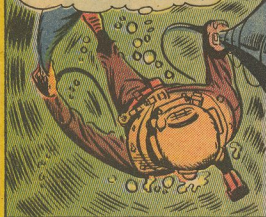


I WANT TO STAY! WHY SHOULDN'T I? THIS IS WHAT EVERY MAN SEEKS...THIS GREAT SILENT PEACE...

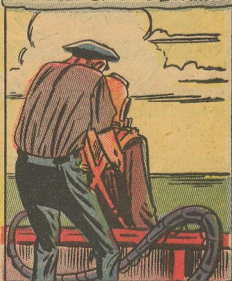


A TUG COMES AT HIS LINE... LINES TIGHTEN AND BEGIN TO DRAW HIM UPWARD...IN DULL FRENZY HE FIGHTS THE ROPEY TENTACLES WHICH ARE DRAWING HIM UP AND AWAY FROM THE GREEN PEACE...

NO! NO! I BELONG DOWN HERE!



BUT THE PULL OF HIS LINES IS STEADY, STRONG... ONLY HALF CONSCIOUS, HE IS HAULED UP ON DECK...



ONCE AGAIN THE OLD MAN SPOKE...

LISTEN! THERE IS PEACE DOWN THERE BUT A MAN MUST FIGHT IT, FOR MAN'S DESTINY IS ON LAND WHERE THERE IS LIFE! THE GREEN PEACE IS DEATH! YOU CAN'T GO DOWN AGAIN EVER... IT WILL WAIT FOR YOU AND TAKE YOU!

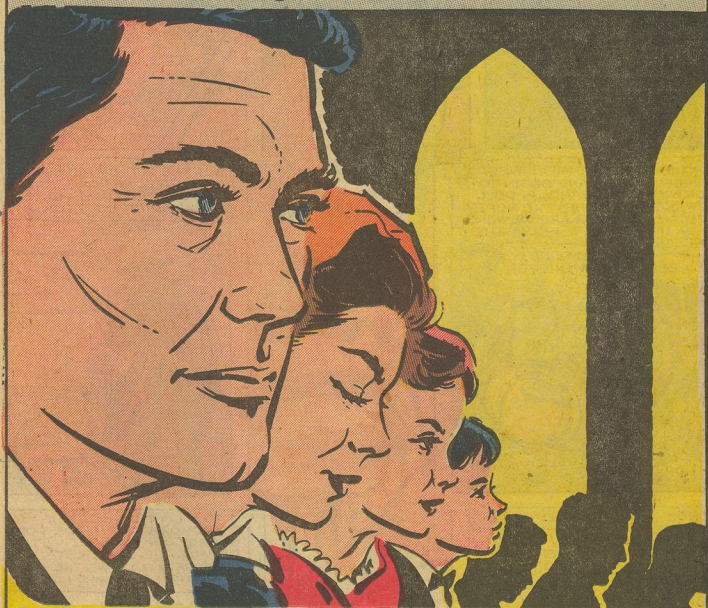


THE LITTLE BOAT UP ANCHORS AND HEADS FOR SHORE! JIM IS THRU WITH DIVING...HE UNDERSTANDS NOW...HE WILL LEAVE THE SEA FOR THE LAND... AND LIFE!



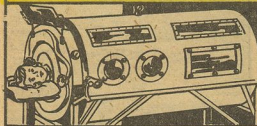
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
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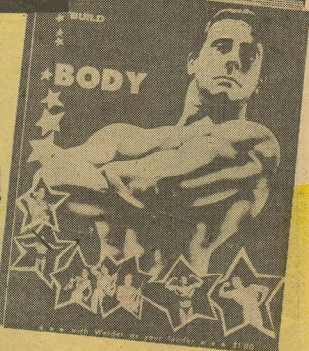
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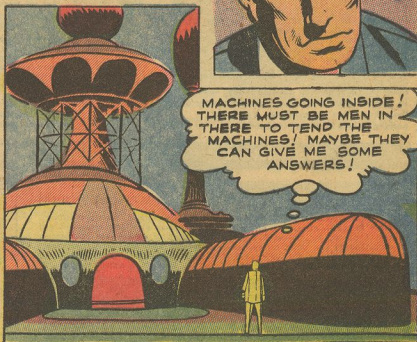
THIS IS THE STREET...
BUT IT'S CHANGED SO!
I CAN'T FIND MY
HOUSE, MY WIFE!
HOW COULD TWO YEARS
MAKE SUCH A
DIFFERENCE?

POOR COSTAIN...HE'S BEWILDERED! BUT HOW WOULD YOU
FEEL IF YOU WERE AWAY FOR TWO YEARS AND CAME
HOME TO FIND EVERYTHING CHANGED SO THAT YOU CAN'T
EVEN FIND YOUR HOME, OR YOUR WIFE? LET'S FOLLOW
COSTAIN AND SEE IF HE SUCCEEDS IN FINDING THEM...



HE FEELS AS THOUGH
HE'S WALKING IN A
DREAM, EVERYTHING
IS SO UNREAL!

IF THERE WAS ONLY
SOMEONE AROUND I
COULD ASK! BUT THE
TOWN SEEMS
DESERTED!



MACHINES GOING INSIDE!
THERE MUST BE MEN IN
THERE TO TEND THE
MACHINES! MAYBE THEY
CAN GIVE ME SOME
ANSWERS!

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HE FOUND A DOOR AND PROCEEDED TO KNOCK AND BANG AT IT UNTIL HE WAS EXHAUSTED... BUT NO ONE CAME IN ANSWER TO HIS COMMOTION...



SOMETHING'S WRONG...
SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY WRONG!



THANK GOODNESS! FOR A MINUTE I...I THOUGHT I WAS ALL ALONE IN THE WORLD! LISTEN, WHAT GOES ON HERE...

SHOW YOUR PAPERS, CITIZEN!



HE HOISTED HIMSELF UP SO HE COULD LOOK INSIDE...

MACHINES... NOTHING BUT HUGE MACHINES, BUT NO PEOPLE! MACHINES THAT EVIDENTLY DON'T NEED PEOPLE THAT RUN BY THEMSELVES!



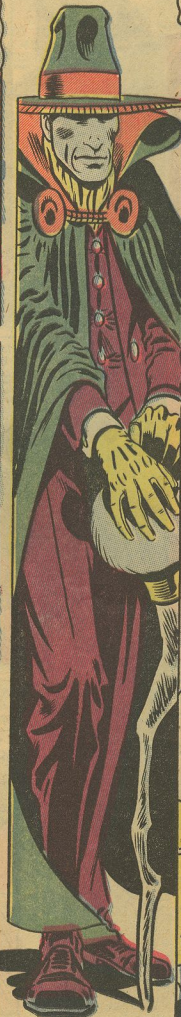
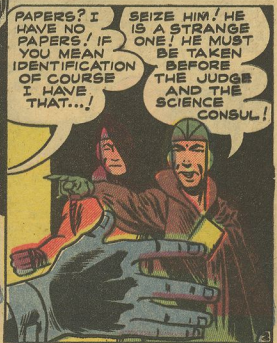
AND THEN FEAR CAME TO COSTAIN... TO THIS MAN WHO HAD NEVER KNOWN FEAR BEFORE AND HE SCREAMED AND SHOUTED TO THE SILENT STREETS...

SOMEBODY... ANYBODY COME OUT AND SPEAK TO ME!



PAPERS? I HAVE NO PAPERS! IF YOU MEAN IDENTIFICATION OF COURSE I HAVE THAT...!

SEIZE HIM! HE IS A STRANGE ONE! HE MUST BE TAKEN BEFORE THE JUDGE AND THE SCIENCE CONSUL!



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THEY LED COSTAIN TOWARD A HUGE BUILDING! DOORS OPENED SILENTLY AS THEY APPROACHED...

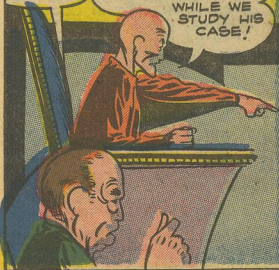


TWO YEARS AGO I WENT UP IN THE FIRST ARMY MOON ROCKET! YOU KNOW THAT SOMETHING WENT WRONG AND WE DRIFTED IN SPACE UNTIL WE MADE REPAIRS... THAT'S WHY WE WERE GONE TWO YEARS! WE LANDED AGAIN TONIGHT! WE THOUGHT IT STRANGE WE COULDN'T PICK UP SIGNALS FROM EARTH...



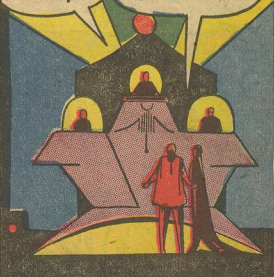
THIS IS RIDICULOUS! WE ALL KNOW THAT MAN CANNOT EXIST IN SPACE!

THIS MAN IS MAD! PUT HIM IN A CELL WHILE WE STUDY HIS CASE!



WHO IS THIS? WHAT IS HIS CRIME?

I'VE COMMITTED NO CRIME! PLEASE, LET ME EXPLAIN...



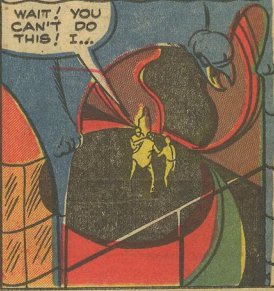
IN THE DARK WE FELT STRANGENESS BUT COULDN'T SEE IT! WE WERE ALL TOO ANXIOUS TO GET HOME TO OUR WIVES AND FAMILIES TO STOP TO THINK! I HEADED HOME BUT...BUT COULDN'T FIND MY HOME! THE WHOLE CITY WAS CHANGED...

SILENCE!



POOR COSTAIN! HE PROTESTS, BUT IT IS LIKE SCREAMING INTO AN EMPTY VOID!

WAIT! YOU CAN'T DO THIS! I...



THIS MAGAZINE IS HAUNTED

HE IS THROWN INTO A CELL! HE TRIES TO CALM HIMSELF TO THINK THIS THING OUT! THEN A THOUGHT COMES... HE REMEMBERS WHAT ONE OF HIS FELLOW MOON SHIP TRAVELERS, A FAMOUS SCIENTIST, HAD SAID, JUST BEFORE BLASTOFF!

WE KNOW REALLY VERY LITTLE ABOUT SPACE EXCEPT THAT IT IS IN SOME WAY CORRELATED WITH TIME! YET, IN SPACE, TIME MAY BE GREATLY DIFFERENT THAN IT IS ON EARTH...



HEY, YOU! GUARD! I LEFT EARTH IN THE ROCKET IN 1958, WHAT YEAR IS IT NOW?

YOU ARE MAD! THIS IS 2956!

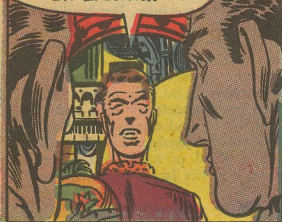


COSTAIN, WAKE UP! WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO ZERO HOUR... ALMOST READY TO BLAST OFF!

HUH? OH!



ONE THING YOU MUST REMEMBER, GENTLEMEN! WE KNOW REALLY VERY LITTLE ABOUT SPACE EXCEPT THAT IT IS IN SOME WAY CORRELATED WITH TIME! YET, IN SPACE, TIME MAY BE GREATLY DIFFERENT THAN IT IS ON EARTH...



BOY, DID I HAVE A CRAZY DREAM!

SO'LL THE RUSSIANS WHEN THEY GET WORD THAT WE'VE LAUNCHED A ROCKET CARRYING LIVE MEN TO THE MOON! PUT THEIR SPUTNIKS AND ALL THEIR OTHER SATELLITES TO SHAME!



POOR COSTAIN! LOOK AT HIS FACE, THE BEWILDERMENT, TINGED WITH FEAR! A DREAM? OR WAS IT A DREAM...



END

TRY THIS TRIP

Ellen Henderson was doing her best to remain calm and cool. She clenched her two hands. She was determined not to lose her temper under any condition whatsoever. She even forced a smile to appear on her face as she began speaking to her husband, Frank.

"One week ago at seven o'clock you left this house. You said you would drive out to the Wilmont Dairy and get a quart of strawberry ice cream for the children. Mrs. Piedmont saw you take the car from the garage. You drove down Main Street. Officer Donalds waved a hand at you. We know that you stopped at the Wilmont Dairy at seven twenty. The clerk did sell you a quart of ice cream. When you didn't come home by nine I began to get worried. You never did such a thing in your life. You are noted as a very punctual man.

At eleven o'clock I called up Chief Bryans. A half hour later they told me they found your abandoned car at the side of Highmont Park on route 22b. They started to search the area. For the next three days we had the police, the volunteer fire department men, the scouts, the state police and your friends looking for you. You were away from home for a week. I'm not even going to ask you where you were or what you did. Just answer one simple question. What happened to the ice cream?"

Frank Henderson looked at his wife's face. Then he saw the grim look on the faces of the people around him. What should he say? If he told them the truth, would they believe it? Inwardly he sighed a bit. At least he could tell them what happened to the ice cream.

"They ate it. Liked it very much. Even wanted more," he said softly.

"Who are 'they'?" demanded Chief Bryans. "Surely you must know something about the people with whom you were."

"They happen to be Venutians," was the information given.

There was a deadly silence in the room. People looked at each other. Mrs. Henderson felt like crying. Jim Waters, the reporter, asked for a bit of clarification.

"Venutians? I know every country in this world. Just where is the country located? Now don't tell me they came from Venice."

"They came from the planet Venus," continued Frank Henderson. "I'll tell you exactly how I met them."

"Go ahead," suggested Dr. LeRoy. "You will probly feel better and so will we."

"On the way home from the Wilmont Dairy," explained Frank Henderson, "I decided to take the short cut. So I turned left and went on route 22b. I slowed down as I approached Highmont Park. It is almost deserted since they built the new highway. Anyway, it was night time. I saw a peculiar greenish-pink light. So I stopped my car. You found it just where I left it. But for some reason, I took the ice cream with me. It was packed in one of those containers to keep it cool and hard.

I followed the beam and saw this small torpedo-like craft. There were three little men around it.

"Something is wrong with the contact switch," said one of the men to me. Later I learned his name was Gori Slazoti.

Another man opened the door. I walked in with them. After all, the least I could do was try to help people in difficulty. I played around with one of the switches. Suddenly the craft left the ground.

"He fixed it," one of them shouted. "Must be an Earth genius."

We went up and up. They looked at the package I had and asked me what it contained. I told them it was strawberry ice cream. So they all tasted it, liked it very much. Then we stopped flying. The door opened. We were in a gigantic space ship. Seems this space ship came from the planet Venus. It had sent out a little ship to look over the world."

"Wait a minute," interrupted the reporter. "I have followed you carefully. But how come they spoke English?"

"Actually they spoke Venutian," explained Frank Henderson. Seems they had developed a system of thought transference. Look, we have invented a machine. You put into a sheet written in English. Photoelectric cells pick out the letters and words. And translate them automatically to another language. The Venutians are just a little ahead of us in this matter."

"Suppose we skip the language detail," said

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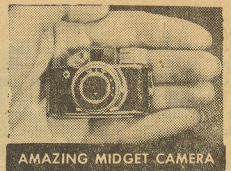
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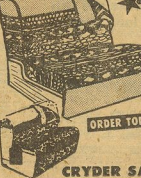
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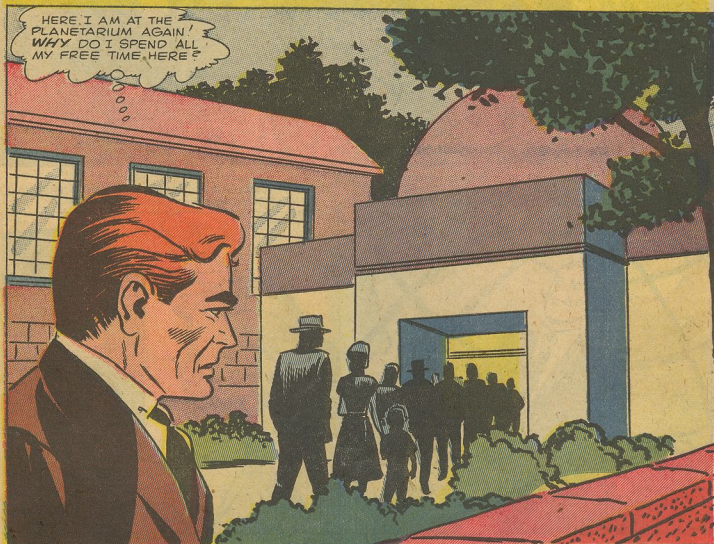
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THE STAR-SEEKERS

MY NAME IS TOM MADISON, AND I LOOK LIKE ANY OTHER YOUNG AMERICAN WHO CAME TO NEW YORK TO WORK AND LIVE! BUT SOME INNER INSTINCT TOLD ME I WAS DIFFERENT FROM EVERYONE ELSE AND IT WAS THIS MYSTERY I WAS TRYING TO SOLVE!



THIS MAGAZINE IS HAUNTED

MANY TIMES I HAD COME TO THIS HUGE HALL, TO SEE OUR MAGNIFICENT UNIVERSE REFLECTED ON THE DOMED CEILING! IT WAS AS IF I WAS SEATED OUT-DOORS AT NIGHT, ACTUALLY LOOKING UP AT THE MILLIONS OF STARS THAT LOOK DOWN ON OUR WORLD...



WHY? WHY DO I HAVE SUCH A STRONG LONGING TO KNOW WHAT IS OUT THERE?



THE SHOW ENDED.. THEN AS I LEFT THE HALL, I HEARD SOMEONE CALL MY NAME ...

TOM! IT'S ME! ANNABEL!



ANNABEL AND I WORKED IN THE SAME BOOKSTORE...

WHAT A SURPRISE SEEING YOU HERE! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE INTERESTED IN ASTRONOMY!



I'VE BEEN COMING HERE FOR A YEAR.. EVER SINCE I MOVED TO NEW YORK!

WELL... YOU MUST BE AN EXPERT ON THE PLANETS BY NOW!



THIS MAGAZINE IS HAUNTED

ACTUALLY, I KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT OTHER WORLDS. AND YET, SOMEHOW I FEEL STRANGE KINSHIP WITH THEM!



I WAS AFRAID ANNABELL WOULD MISTAKE MY FEELINGS FOR SOME SORT OF ECCENTRICITY, SO I QUICKLY CHANGED THE SUBJECT AND INVITED HER TO HAVE COFFEE WITH ME...



WHERE DO YOU COME FROM, TOM?

I WAS RAISED ON A FARM IN MAINE!

I NEVER KNEW MY *REAL* PARENTS... I WAS ADOPTED BY TWO VERY FINE PEOPLE... THEY HAVE A FARM!



I MISS MY FOLKS... A GUY CAN GET LONELY IN A BIG CITY LIKE NEW YORK, WHEN HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYONE!



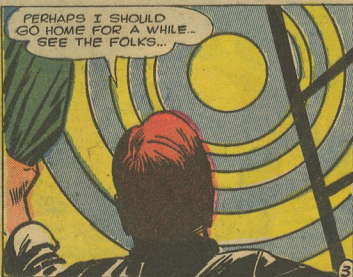
BUT YOU KNOW *ME*...

YES... I FEEL WE CAN BE FRIENDS, ANNABEL! YOU'RE WONDERFUL TO TALK TO!



MIXED EMOTIONS FLOODED THRU ME THAT NIGHT, ALONE IN MY ROOM! I WAS ATTRACTED TO ANNABEL, BUT COULD SHE CURE ME OF MY TERRIBLE LONELINESS... MY FEELING OF BEING "DIFFERENT"?

PERHAPS I SHOULD GO HOME FOR A WHILE... SEE THE FOLKS...



THIS MAGAZINE IS HAUNTED

AT THE END OF THE WEEK, I QUIT MY JOB AND RETURNED TO MAINE...



"IT WAS OVER TWENTY YEARS AGO... I WAS ALONE IN THE NORTH PASTURE, WHEN I SAW A CHILD, ABOUT TWO YEARS OLD WALKING TOWARDS ME! HE HAD COME OUT OF A CLUMP OF TREES NEARBY..."

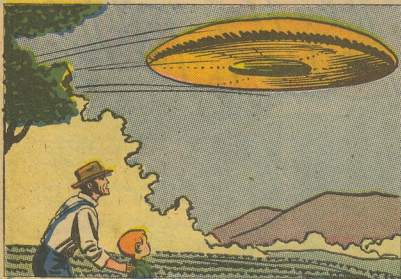


"I FIGURED ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORS' CHILDREN HAD WANDERED OFF FROM HIS HOUSE..."



THIS MAGAZINE IS HAUNTED

"BUT SUDDENLY, AS I STOOD THERE, I HEARD A ROARING SOUND... THEN A STRANGE MACHINE ZOOMED UP FROM BEHIND A TREE AND TOOK TO THE AIR..."



"YES TOM... IT WAS A FLYING SAUCER-SHAPED SPACESHIP! IT GAINED ALTITUDE AND FINALLY DISAPPEARED AS I RAN TO THE HOUSE..."



"YOU WERE THAT CHILD, TOM! THE AUTHORITIES COULDN'T FIND YOUR PARENTS, SO THEY ALLOWED US TO ADOPT YOU! BUT I NEVER DID TELL ANYONE ABOUT THAT SPACE-SHIP!"



"SO THAT'S WHY I WAS DRAWN TO THE STARS... TO OTHER WORLDS! BUT WHY DID MY REAL PARENTS ABANDON ME HERE ON EARTH?"



"MAYBE THEY WERE FLEEING FROM A DYING PLANET! OR MAYBE THERE WAS A SPACE WAR... WHO CAN SAY? YOUR PARENTS KNEW, SOMEHOW, YOU'D BE SAFE HERE!"



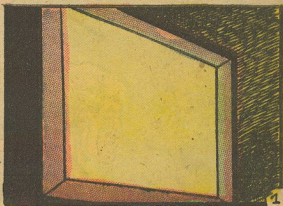
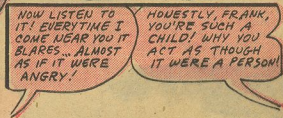
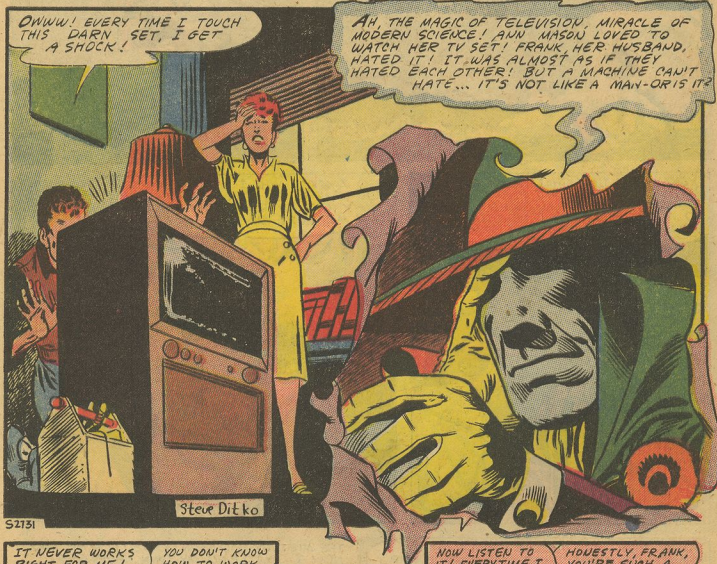
"THE MYSTERY HAD BEEN SOLVED FOR ME, AND NOW I COULD FIND MY OWN HAPPINESS..."

"IN A FEW YEARS... SPACE TRAVEL! I'LL FIND MY TRUE HOME! MEANWHILE, I'VE GOT MOM AND POP... AND ANNABEL! I'LL TELL HER EVERYTHING... SOMEHOW I KNOW SHE'LL UNDERSTAND!"



THIS MAGAZINE IS HAUNTED

IMPOSSIBLE, BUT...



THIS MAGAZINE IS HAUNTED.

ANN WONDERED WHY HER HUSBAND HAD CHANGED LATELY. HE WAS GROUCHY, IRRITABLE ALL THE TIME!



WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HIM?



ALL YOU DO IS SIT THERE WATCHING TELEVISION INSTEAD OF GIVING YOUR TIME TO ME! OR YOU'RE OUT TO SOME RIDICULOUS LECTURE!



HE SUEERS AT EVERYTHING I DO! HE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT TELEVISION, THE LECTURES ARE AN ESCAPE FROM HIS NASTY TEMPER



ONE OF THESE DAYS I'M GOING TO SMASH THAT SET... SMASH IT TO PIECES

NOW HE'S GETTING HYS-TERICAL!

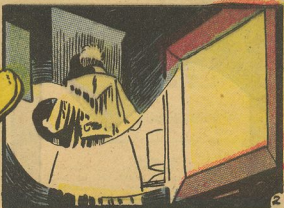


I'M GOING TO A LECTURE TONIGHT, FRANK! AND PLEASE, LET'S HAVE NO ARGUMENTS FOR ONCE!

ALL RIGHT! GO TO YOUR CRUMMY LECTURE!



WATCH NOW! SEE! THE LIGHT FROM THE TV SCREEN SEEMS TO FOLLOW ANN OR SO IT SEEMS TO FRANK!...



THIS MAGAZINE IS HAUNTED

HES BEEN ACTING SO STRANGE LATELY... I MUST GET AWAY FROM THE HOUSE ONCE IN A WHILE!



THROUGH THE CURTAINS FRANK SLYLY WATCHED HER UNTIL SHE DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT!

SHE DOESN'T THINK I'VE GOT COURAGE TO DO ANYTHING! BUT I'LL SHOW HER!



A WIFE SHOULD SPEND TIME WITH HER HUSBAND NOT WATCHING T.V.! BUT, IF I DESTROYED THE SET...

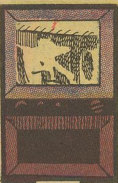
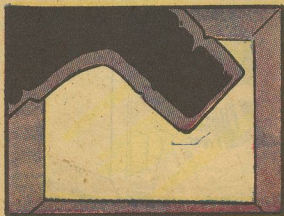


FRANK WALKED UP TO THE TV SET! HE GLARED AT HIS HATED ENEMY!

I'LL FIX YOU!



YOU... YOU! IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER THAT YOU'RE ONLY A MACHINE WITH NO FEELINGS, I'D THINK YOU HATED ME AS MUCH AS I HATE YOU!



THE SET SYMBOLIZED ALL HIS WEAKNESS... HIS FAILURE ... HIS SMALLNESS!

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AS FRANK RAISED THE HAMMER THE LIGHT FROM THE TV SET SUDDENLY SEEMED BRIGHTER!

I'LL SMASH YOU!



AND AT THE LECTURE ANN LISTENS TO A DISCOURSE ON, "MAN AND MIND"...

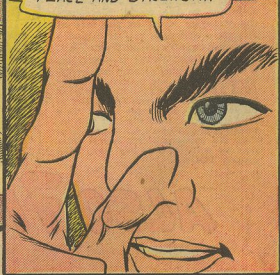
MAN'S MIND IS A STRANGE AND COMPLICATED THING!...



...SOMETIMES FULL OF FRUSTRATIONS AND POINTLESS ANGER! FREQUENTLY HE MAKES SOME INMATE OBJECT THE SYMBOL OF HIS FEARS AND FRUSTRATIONS!...



..AND ONLY BY DESTRUCTION OF THIS SYMBOL DOES HE RID HIMSELF OF HIS OBSESSIONS AND FIND PEACE AND STRENGTH!



ANN WAS BORED! SHE WONDERED WHAT HER HUSBAND WAS DOING!

PROBABLY GROUCHING BECAUSE I'M NOT THERE OR GLARING AT THE TV SET!

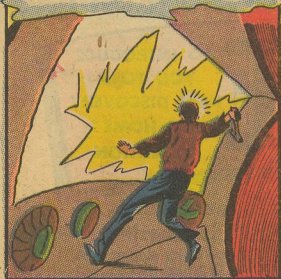


FRANK IS NOT GROUCHING...HE'S IN A RAGE! HIS HAMMER IS RAISED. HE'S ABOUT TO STRIKE...

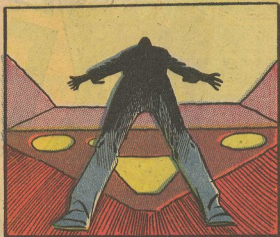


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SUDDENLY THE HAMMER COMES DOWN SMASHING THE "CRANKY" T.V. SET!

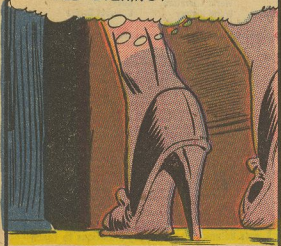


FRANK STANDS BEFORE THE SET AND IT SEEMS AS THOUGH ALL HIS MENTAL TENSION AND WEAKNESS HAS GONE WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MACHINE!



AS ANN RETURNS FROM THE LECTURE SHE WONDERS WHAT FRANK WILL FIND TO PICK ON NOW!

HE'S PROBABLY BEEN GROUCHING ALL EVENING!



HELLO, DARLING! DID YOU ENJOY THE LECTURE?

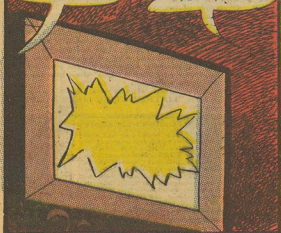
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HER HUSBAND TOOK HER ARM! SHE SMILED UP AT HIM!...AND CUDDLED CLOSER!

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WE'LL GET A NEW ONE! WHAT WAS THE LECTURE ABOUT?



OH, SOME SILLY IMPOSSIBLE THEORY!



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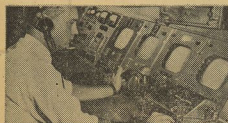
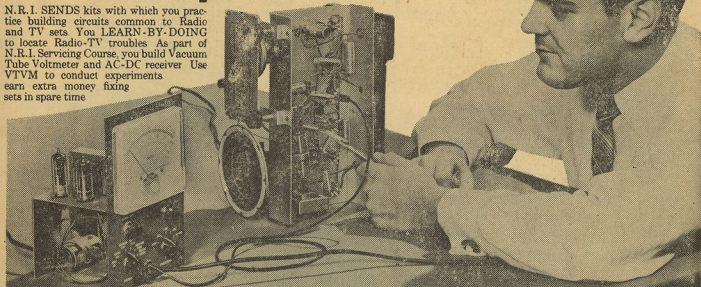
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